

1 SENATE BILL 688

2 **49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSES; PROHIBITING PROFESSIONAL AND  
12 AMATEUR MIXED MARTIAL ARTS CONTESTS; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE  
13 PROFESSIONAL ATHLETIC COMPETITION ACT.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

16 Section 1. Section 60-2A-8.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2007,  
17 Chapter 109, Section 2) is amended to read:

18 "60-2A-8.2. JURISDICTION OF COMMISSION OVER UNARMED  
19 COMBAT CONTESTS.--

20 A. The commission shall have sole direction,  
21 management, control and jurisdiction over all contests or  
22 exhibitions of unarmed combat to be conducted, held or given  
23 within New Mexico, and no contest or exhibition may be  
24 conducted, held or given within [~~the state~~] New Mexico except  
25 in accordance with the provisions of the Professional Athletic

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1 Competition Act.

2 B. Any contest involving a form of Oriental unarmed  
3 self-defense must be conducted pursuant to rules for that form  
4 that are approved by the commission before the contest is  
5 conducted, held or given in [~~the state~~] New Mexico except in  
6 accordance with the provisions of the Professional Athletic  
7 Competition Act.

8 C. No contest or exhibition of unarmed combat shall  
9 be conducted, held or given within New Mexico that allows:

10 (1) combatants to use a variety of fighting  
11 techniques, including a mixture of martial arts techniques and  
12 nontraditional techniques; or

13 (2) the use of striking and grappling  
14 techniques, both while standing and while lying on the ground."